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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON INFLUENZA (LA GRIPPE).

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whether influenza or la grippe is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), mortality, and the treatment, sanitary and medicinal, with as full statistics as possible. The information is desired for publication in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

In addition to present conditions, a statement is also desired as to dates (even though approximate) of the appearance of la grippe and the estimated number of cases to date of report.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox at Bridgeport, Conn.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., January 7, 1901.

SIR: In compliance with the resolutions adopted by the National conference of State and provincial boards of health at Toronto, 1886, and Washington, 1887, it becomes my duty to inform you that 3 cases of smallpox exist at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield, in the State of Connecticut. The persons sick are James Troland and his 2 children. The origin of the disease is not stated, probably from New York City. The measures taken to restrict are removal of the family to the isolation hospital and vaccination of all exposed. The danger of the disease spreading is small.

Respectfully,

C. A. LINDSLEY,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., January 7, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended January 5, 1901, 8 additional cases of smallpox in this city, making a total of 12 cases reported this season. Seven cases are male negroes and 1 is a white female. The former are in the isolation hospital, and the latter is quarantined in private quarters, having refused to go to the isolation hospital. Of the 8 cases, 4 seem to have become infected in the city, 3 came from as many places in Missouri, and 1 came from Fulton, Ky. Some of the cases are severe, though the majority are mild.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.